

## REMARKS

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement, the applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment. By virtue of this amendment claims 34-49 are pending, claims 1-33 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and new claims 34-49 have been added. Consideration and allowance of all of the claims in view of the above amendments and following remarks are respectfully requested.

The applicants wish to have new claims 34-49 examined. Claims 1-33 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants expressly reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to this subject matter at a later date. New claims 34-49 have been added and are directed to embodiments of the present invention that detect occlusions using sensors placed at or near the front end of the drive train. No new matter has been added.

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is also being filed concurrently herewith.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application and all of the claims are in condition for allowance. Examination and consideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (818) 576-5003 should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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